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1. The eastern mole of the harbor of Kolberg (Kolobrzeg) has been extended three meters to the west in an effort to reduce the width of the harbor entrance by that amount. Damage to both east and west moles has been repaired. The extension of the eastern mole was a measure taken by the Polish harbor authorities in an effort to protect the harbor entrance from the swell caused by northerly winds. In addition, the alteration of the mole is designed to cause the outgoing current to maintain the depth of the channel.*
2. During its stay in Kolberg, the ship loaded 175 tons of fine-grain coal by means of a conveyor belt. The loading took four hours and twelve minutes.** Five motor sailers ranging in size from 300 to 500 GRT and a small Danish steamer were loading coal in the harbor during the period of
3. Ships have been warned by the harbor authority not to anchor west of the moles because soundings there are only three meters. At the harbor entrance the depth is five meters. West of the channel leading into the harbor the ship's position must be carefully checked at all times since unmarked wrecks make this area unsafe.
4. The crews of ships calling at Kolberg are forbidden to talk to longshoremen by orders of the Polish harbor authority. Landing permission is granted only to the masters of the ships. During its stay each ship is guarded by two border guard police. Soviet soldiers were not observed in the vicinity of the harbor in Kolberg.
5. An old crane with a lifting power of about 12 tons was located on the quay but was not in operation.

Comment: According to an official Polish bulletin, the length of the western mole is 230 meters, that of the eastern mole 310 meters. The width of the mouth of the harbor between the mole heads is 24 meters. By extending the eastern mole by three meters, the width of the harbor entrance was reduced.

Comment: Four hours and twelve minutes seems an excessive time to load 175 tons of coal by means of a belt conveyor.

Comment: The harbor of Kolberg must be considered a coal-export harbor. As early as two years ago the Polish government issued a large-scale expansion program for the harbor. To date, however, it does not appear that this program will be carried out.

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